(d) the reasons for which Government are insensitive to consumer interests and is supporting the producers even out of the way; and

(e) what steps are being taken to fix the ceiling of trade commission and promotional expenses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) In accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987, Maximum Allowable Post-Manufacturing Expenses (MAPE) are specified for all price controlled formulations. All these aspects/expances and profits are part of the MAPE.

Revival Package for sick Industrial Units other than IDPL

1886. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to S. Q. 17 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1993 and to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering any package proposals for reviving sick industrial units other than IDPL also; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) With the amendment made in December, 1991, the Government companies with the meaning of Section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956, came into the ambit of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. The Act places an obligation on the management of sick industrial companies to make a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in the prescribed manner. Accordingly, the sick public sector undertakings under the administrative control of Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers have complied with the provisions of the Law.

Affairs of some units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation

1887. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the operations have almost ceased for over two months now at the eastern units of Durgapur, Namrup and Barauni of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation;

(b) if so, details of the workers employed in these units and the reasons for stopping the production therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizer Workers Federation of India had suggested many ways and means to revive the fertilizer industry;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have considered these suggestions; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) There has been a temporary suspension of production at Barauni and Durgapur units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) since September, 1993, due to lack of working capital. The fertilizer production at Namrup-I was suspended in July, 1992 due to unsafe conditions of equipment supports and building structures. This unit